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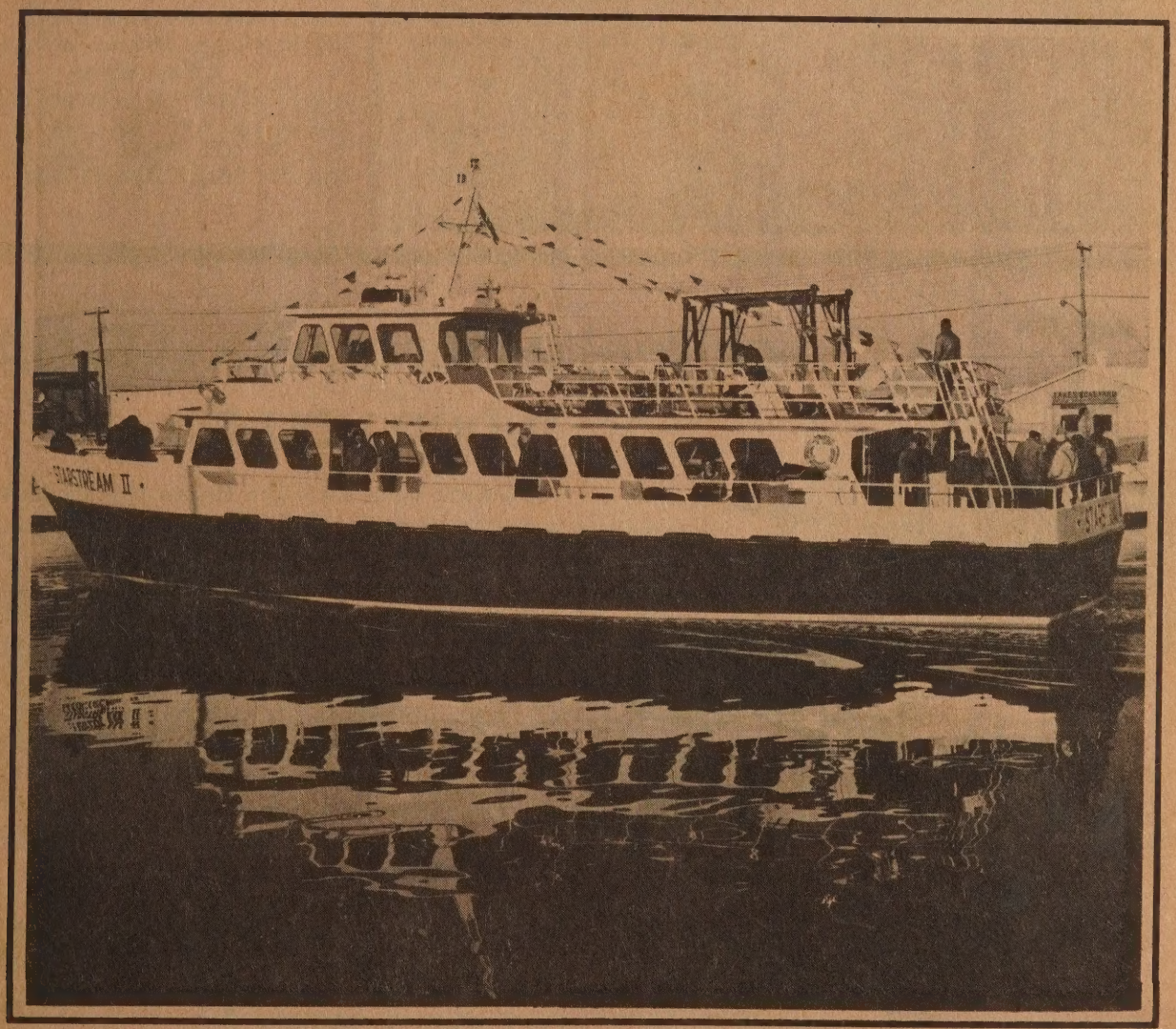

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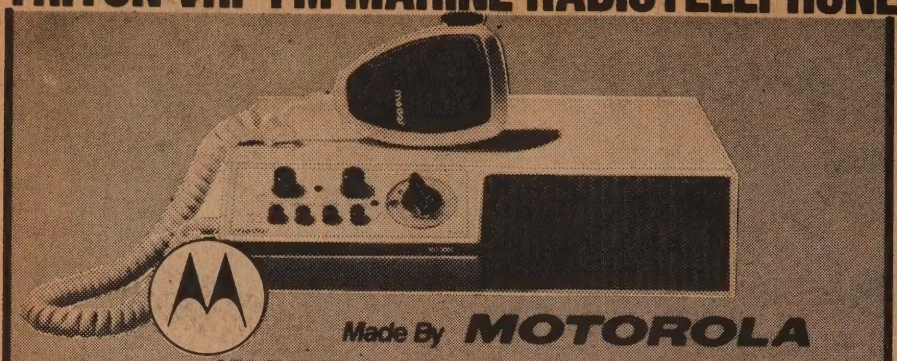

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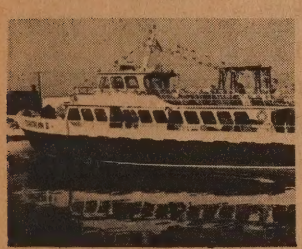

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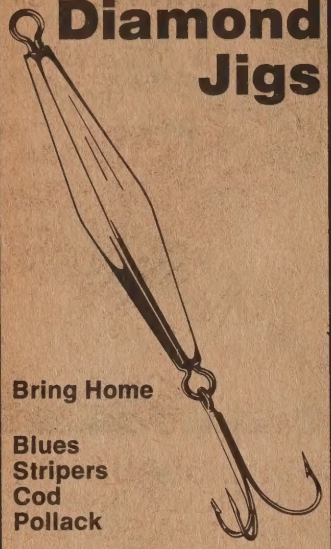

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WHO KILLED THE FISH?

by Al Reinfelder

Once, great fish thrived.
Now, none are alive.
"Who killed the fish?"

"Not I," said the man with the net,
As he drew in a thousand yard set.
"It was for my need,
And not out of greed,
That I took all that my seine could get."

"Not I," said the man with the hook.
"I am neither a saint nor a crook.
I caught such a **few**,
Only sold one or **two**,
How could you ask me to help save the fish?"

"Not I," said the commissioner.
"From blame I must politely defer.
I did as was told,
And not what was bold.
The department's tradition demands this."

"Not I," said the rich governor.
"My duty I did and much more.
Of fish what care I
If they live or they die,
So long as they don't stop my bridge."

"Not I," said the scientist.
"That was not my main interest.
I measured and weighed,
And for that I was paid.
To change things would've cost me my grant."

"Not I," said the public school teacher.
"Do you think I'm some kind of preacher?
My pupils get A's
For mimicking my ways
And not by restoring the river."

"Not I," said the utility man.
"For power, not fish, do we plan.
If stripers impinge,
Or condensors singe,
At least we've produced one more megawatt."

Once, great fish thrived.
Now, none are alive.
So, who killed the fish?

The above poem was written by Al Reinfelder last spring, prior to his tragic death on May 18, 1973. The problems that Al wrote about so frequently and urgently are still with us, although some of the names have changed.

It would be fitting for each of us to dig into our pockets and spend the money that would have gone for a few lures to join the STRIPED BASS FUND. Now, more than ever, it needs our support in fighting not only the old problems, but also the new ones such as sludge.

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TUNAFISH IN TROUBLE

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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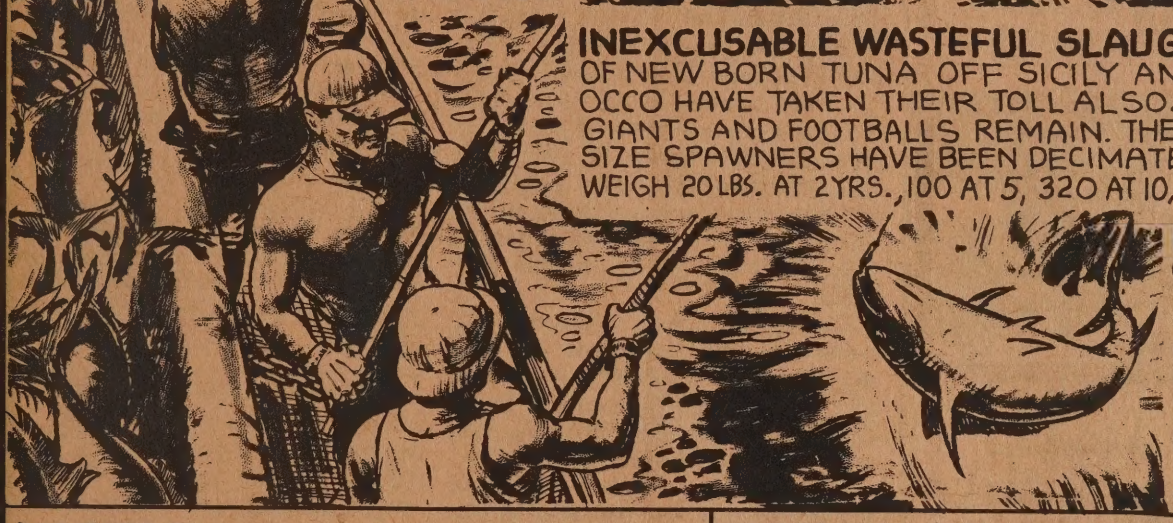

BEFORE CLIPPERS, TUNA WERE CAUGHT BY HAND WITH BAMBOO POLES. ←

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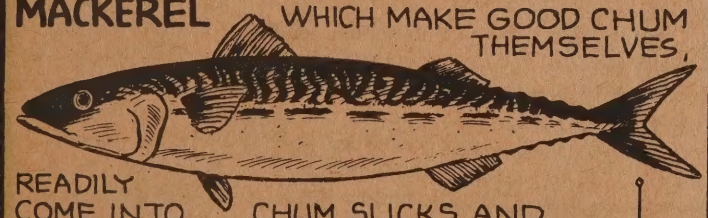

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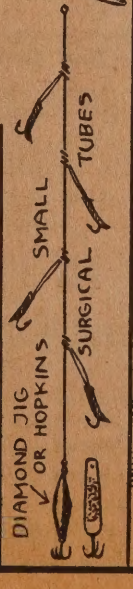

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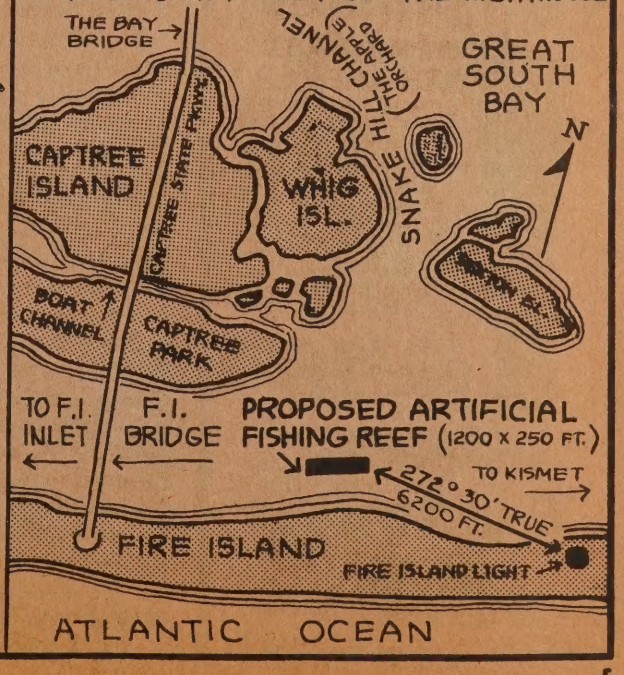

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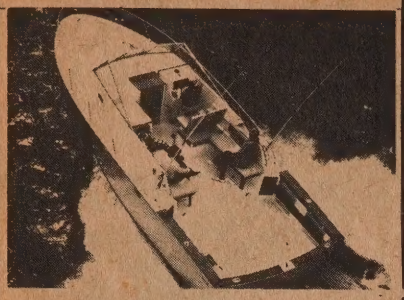

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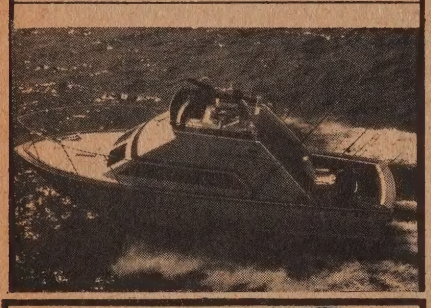

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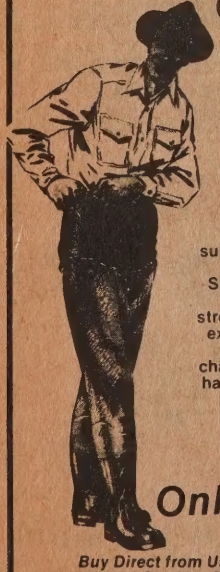

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News Releases

SOMETIMES WE UPSET PEOPLE!

I am as much opposed to overfishing as the next person, but I am also opposed to a publication such as yours giving its readers only half the story. I'm referring specifically to the item about bunker fishing that appeared in *"Chum Lines,"* in the April 25th edition.

The column stated that the collapse of the Chilean anchoveta was "primarily commercial overfishing." The truth is that the collapse was caused by the periodic return of *"El Nino."* This is a wind that occurs at irregular intervals, usually around Christmastime (hence, the name referring to the Christ child) and causes a meteorological and oceanographic combination. This combination creates conditions that result in a severe, natural decline of the anchoveta stocks. *"El Nino"* has occurred since before recorded history and is well-known.

Commercial fishing accelerates the decline of the anchoveta, but the decline would occur whether or not there was fishing. The attached article explains some of the events in the most recent reoccurrences of *"El Nino."*

In all fairness, your readers deserve the whole truth—not just part of it to support a particular argument. Al Jensen, Mt. Sinai, N.Y.

Reprinted from
Jan., 1974 Marine Technology

Anchoveta Staging Comeback Off Peru. When the eastern Pacific weather phenomenon called El Nino warmed the waters off Peru beginning early in 1972 the anchoveta fishery of that country almost disappeared. From a haul of more than 12 million tons in 1971 there was a catastrophic drop to 4.5 million tons in 1972. For 1973 the catch was even less. With little fishmeal entering the U.S., poultry and animal feeders had to switch to soy beans and grains, causing price increases in a cascade economic effect that was felt in every American home. Now El Nino has eased off. According to Dr. Jukka A. Kolhonen, fishmeal specialist with the National Marine Fisheries Service, the cold weather of the Humboldt Current has reappeared and the natural nutrients are again abundant. Peru nationalized its fisheries in the crisis. Now the anchovy fishery is in temporary suspension for January and February, the spawning season. It is estimated that this year's catch will recover to about one-half the level of good years, with full recovery in 1974. Meanwhile, Peru's relations with the U.S. have improved. A broader economic base is the military junta's long range aim.

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The statement in question was first made at the White Plains Bunker Meeting, at which Mr. Jensen was present, some months ago. As a man supposedly knowledgeable in the activities of marine fisheries, he did not object at that time. For support this time, however, Mr. Jensen leans on a paragraph from the January, 1974, issue of Marine Technology, *page 9.*

Sorry, the paragraph simply will not suffice to support your particular point of view. We are not convinced that the paragraph referred to was based upon any scientific research completed and analyzed by qualified marine biologists. And that seems to the whole point, doesn't it?

Incidentally, a news item on radio station WINS, about six weeks ago, supported the statement made in this column that the anchoveta fishery was closed primarily due to commercial overfishing. We did not, however, use the news item as supportive data because no reference as to the authenticity and validity of the source was made. Scientists, as well as those in your position, should not use hearsay evidence as a substitute for truth, Mr. Jensen. We're disappointed in you, but not at all surprised at your response. Any port in a storm?

We also feel obliged to point out that the only exception you made to the column was our reference to the disastrous effects of commercial overfishing. What do you think that tells the readers? We know what it tells us! We are definitely in trouble!

URGENT BUNKER MEETING!

The LIF has just been advised by Andre Peyroune of the North Brookhaven Sport Fishermen's Club that there will be an important public meeting at the Patchogue Town Hall on May 21, 1974, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The topic is legislation to prohibit purse seining for bunker within two miles of the coast of Brookhaven Town. This includes Port Jefferson, Mt. Sinai and Stony Brook Harbors.

THE URGENCY OF THE MEETING IS DUE TO THE RECENT ACTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, IN WHICH, IT IS CLAIMED, A LETTER WAS SENT BY DEC TO THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVALIDATE ALL EXISTING BUNKER LAWS.

It is extremely important that support is shown for NBSFC at the public meeting, at which Mr. Peyroune will present a petition with 5,000 signatures to Town Supervisor Charles Barrand.

The local legislators are on the side of the sportsmen in this issue, and although the petition is weighty, support through **public attendance** is necessary to show our politicians that we really care what happens to and on Long Island and its waters. The more people that attend this meeting, the louder their voices will be heard.

For further information on this critical situation, please call Mr. Peyroune at 516-744-2724.

SPORTSMEN LABEL DURYEA STRIPED BASS BILL "SWEETHEART CONTRACT" FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

After more than a year of stalling and delaying negotiations on the drafting of a promised striped bass management bill, assembly speaker Perry B. Duryea of Montauk has again played a "dirty trick" on the State's Striped Bass Sportsmen. Just one week prior to the scheduled closing of the 1974 legislative session, he has had two of his trusted cronies in the Assembly and the Senate introduce a striped bass bill that is not a management bill, and is practically a "sweetheart contract" for the commercial fishermen.

The Assembly Bill, A-12329, introduced in speaker Duryea's rules committee at the request of Assemblyman Robert C. Wertz of Commack and the Senate companion bill, S-10664, introduced by Senator Leon Giuffreda of Centerreach, are nothing more than a warmed over version of a similar measure that the speaker tried to force through the legislature three years ago. At that time, the sportsmen were able to persuade the then, Governor Nelson Rockefeller, to veto it.

Save Our Stripers tried unsuccessfully to have the current bill amended to include a "grandfather clause", or phaseout of commercial harvesting of striped bass. Now word has been received that the bill was passed by the Assembly sometime last week, but there is still no report of Senate action.

As SOS sees it, the need for real protective striped bass legislation has not changed, nor has the assembly leader's attitude changed with regard to New York State's striper sportsmen and the sport fishery. While the bill just passed by the Assembly is little different from the 1971 measure that the bass anglers succeeded in having vetoed, it would nevertheless create a sanctuary for striped bass in the Hudson River—a spawning area that new findings indicate has a greater significance for the North Atlantic striped bass fishery.

It appears that the delayed drafting of the bills was intentional, and has left SOS no time in which to poll sportsmen and fishing organizations for their opinions. Therefore, we are asking all striper anglers, fishing clubs and businessmen deriving income from sport fishing, to write Govenor Malcolm Wilson, Executive Chamber, State Capitol, Albany, N.Y. 11224, advising him according to their conscience to either veto, or sign the above described bills.

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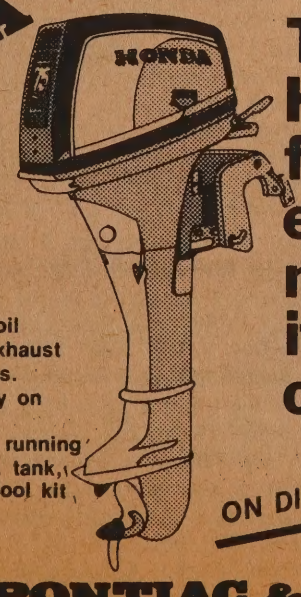

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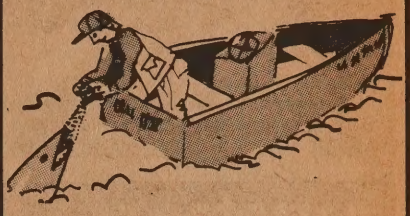

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To Catch A Weakfish

by Matt Ahern

The biggest highlight of the past few years has been the return of the weakfish. Unless you caught weakfish in the twenties, thirties, and early forties, this may not seem important enough to warrant your attention, but it certainly is to the fisherman who remembers. Let the novice fisherman catch his first weakfish and he will become a fan immediately. Make no mistake about it, the weak is a grand and glorious sport fish.

Now these past couple of years give promise of a return to those wonderful, hectic days of yore, and no one is more happy than the dyed-in-the-wool weakfisherman. Once a weakfish fan, always a weakfish fan.

The magnificent fish responsible for all this is quite a handsome specimen of Nature's handiwork, handsome enough to be called "sea trout" by southern anglers. However, though he may resemble the trouts, he is no relation to them, being a member of the croaker family which takes in the northern kingfish, the croaker, black drums, channel bass, and Lafayettes.

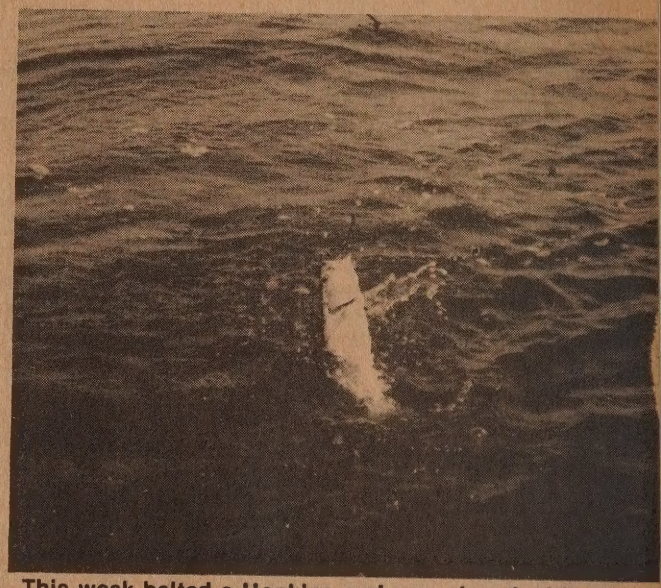
Their disappearance from local waters was as unexpected as it was sudden, and fishermen give many reasons for it. Some believe when bluefish are plentiful, weaks make a poor showing. Others, that the weaks are cyclic by nature, having periods of abundance and scarcity. Some place the blame on heavy pressure by commercial interests. We may never know the exact reasons, but possibly a combination of all three can be blamed. Be that as it may, weaks can be expected again, and the smart fisherman will be ready when they arrive sometime in early May.

The weakfish is a hunter, and he will rip and tear into any luckless school of live bait he chances upon. The list of bait is quite long, ranging from shrimp, his favorite, to killies, spearing, squid, sand and bloodworms, and the young of most fish. While his feeding habits are a cut or two below the voracious bluefish, he, too, is ever on the prowl for food. Because of this, study, knowledge and understanding is important if the fisherman wishes to score.

There are two species of weakfish. The ones visiting us each spring range from Chesapeake Bay to Massachusetts and are known by the Indian name of squeteague, or "squet" by New England fishermen; from New York to Chesapeake Bay as weakfish. The southern variety, ranging to Florida, battles just as hard but rarely attains the weight of its northern brothers.

Weakfish do reach a respectable size, seventeen and a half pounds being the record for hook and line and thirty pounds for a commercially caught fish, but the average size is usually from one and a half to three pounds. During the past three years many fish over five pounds were taken in an average day's fishing by experienced anglers, especially during the early part of their run.

When this run starts in early spring, the schools working up the coast divide into two sections. One school enters Delaware Bay, the other continuing on to the Long Island area, chiefly the Peconics. It has been established that these fish return to the approximate area from which they were spawned. Fish from Delaware Bay do not enter the Peconic area, and vice versa.



This weak belted a Hopkins and was played with steady pressure. Horsing could have easily torn the lure free.

These fish range from the small one-pounders, leaving their Chesapeake Bay nursery grounds for their first spawning run, on up to the heavy tide-running yellow fins of ten pounds and more. Usually fish of approximate weight stay together, but this is not a hard, fast rule. Many ten pounders are taken along with two pound fish.

Some authorities believe the spawning in Peconic is wasted effort, claiming all eggs are destroyed. Personally, I doubt Nature would condone such waste, and as proof I can recall the many times I stopped snapper fishing in early September due to the hundreds of three and four inch weakfish taking the bait. Baby weakfish soon die no matter how carefully the fisherman handles them.

Weakfish are found anywhere food is available. Depth of water doesn't seem to matter much. Bays, creeks, channels, canals, inlets and surf all contain fish. The better surf fishing seems to be later in the season when the fish are through spawning. When in the surf, weaks will eagerly take squid and/or large shrimp. These fish are usually large and a ten-pounder is not surprising to the experienced surfer.

The only thing weak about the weakfish is his paper-like mouth, which is why your tackle must be suited to this fishing. Spinning tackle on the light side is ideal. Not must the rod be light, but it must have a whippy tip. This is what fights the fish. Try horsing a weakfish and one or more things will result: a bare hook draped with the jaw of the fish, a parted line, or a broken rod tip. You may also very easily lose the entire outfit by having it yanked right out of your hands. Be alert at all times.

A word of caution: Always bring a net and use it on every fish. You will land few weakfish by attempting to lift them into the boat without it. Remember that weak, paper-thin mouth.

Your reel should match the rod and be the very best you can afford. It is important to use light monofilament; some fishermen use six pound test, but ten pounds will do. The choice is yours. The drag setting must be dependable. You will get very few weaks with a poorly adjusted drag, or one that has the annoying habit of binding.

When a weak hits the lure or bait, it isn't necessary to hook him. He'll do that for you; just sway him with the rod tip, and let it absorb the punishment. Never point the tip at the fish at any time. Let him have his head. His first run will be the most powerful and it is here most weaks get free when the startled fisherman fails to remember the cardinal rule: let him run. Weakfish can be tricky. They will often double back, and the fisherman must be prepared to counter any slack line; a slack line invariably means a lost fish. Expect some heart-stopping minutes. As mentioned before, the weak is truly a game fish.

There are several fishing methods used for weakfish. One is the baited high-low rig. In this method, a 2/0 to 4/0 Sproat hook on a four foot leader is tied about four and a half feet above a bank sinker of suitable weight. Bait with a four inch tapered strip of squid. A lower hook, usually a 1/0 Sproat, is tied on an inch above the sinker and baited with a small piece of squid or sandworm for the bottom feeding kingfish and porgies. Sandworms are preferred. Be prepared for a solid smash when using this method.

Many fishermen prefer the use of lures. When weaks are on a feeding binge, they will usually hit just about anything cast to them. I have experimented when they are in this feeding frenzy and have caught them on plain, unbaited hooks weighted with several split shot. Lures on the style of the medium-weight Hopkins and Kastmasters, the various bucktails in yellow or white, and the plastic shrimp tails will produce fish. Fresh-water plugs that create a commotion while reeled in are also good.

When using the popular shrimp tails, color will be found to be a governing factor. During daylight fishing, the white and amber colors seem to produce best. At night, the white and pink work well. Of course, there is no telling just what colors will attract weakfish. You should experiment. I recall one day last May when only a purple tail would do the trick, but as a rule the colors given will produce fish. It will pay to insure your day by investing a few cents in the various other colored tails on the market; then should you happen upon a time when the fish decide to become choosey, you will be ready.

The third method, chumming with live grass shrimp, was developed into a fine art in the heyday of great weakfishing. This was the method usually employed by charter boat skippers who lived and dreamed weakfishing.

Today, live grass shrimp are expensive and hard to come by, but if you are able to obtain a supply, you should give it a try. Then, and only then, will you be able to understand what caused the pandemonium mentioned earlier. Old timers used as many as ten to fifteen quarts of shrimp per tide. It is sometimes impossible to use too many shrimp, but you can extend your supply by mixing it with ground bunker or mackerel. You will also need several dozen sandworms.

First, find yourself a secluded part of the bay you intend fishing, and anchor in about twenty feet of water. Lower the anchor gently: weakfish are extremely spooky and will disappear in a flash if frightened.

To establish a good working chum line, a gently flowing tide is best. As live shrimp tend to dart away from the boat, keeping the fish out of reach, pinch their heads before tossing

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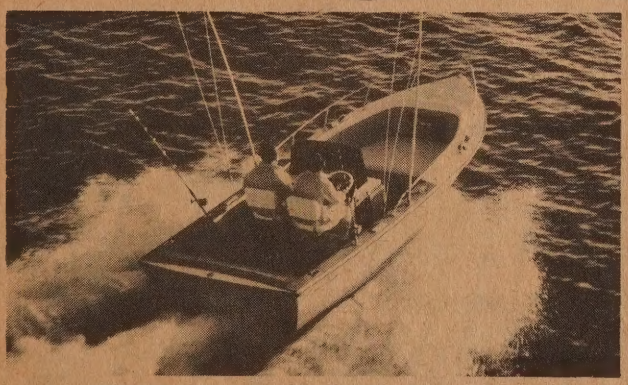

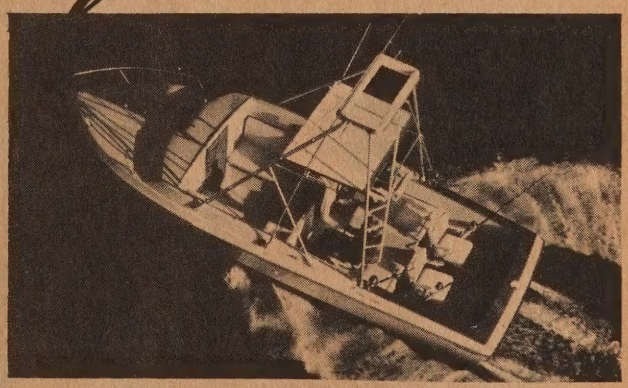

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Mapmaking For Surfcasters

by Frank Berrafato

Sketching a map of a particular area is one way for surfcasters to consolidate or pool together the various tidbits of information gathered from numerous trips over the course of many seasons.

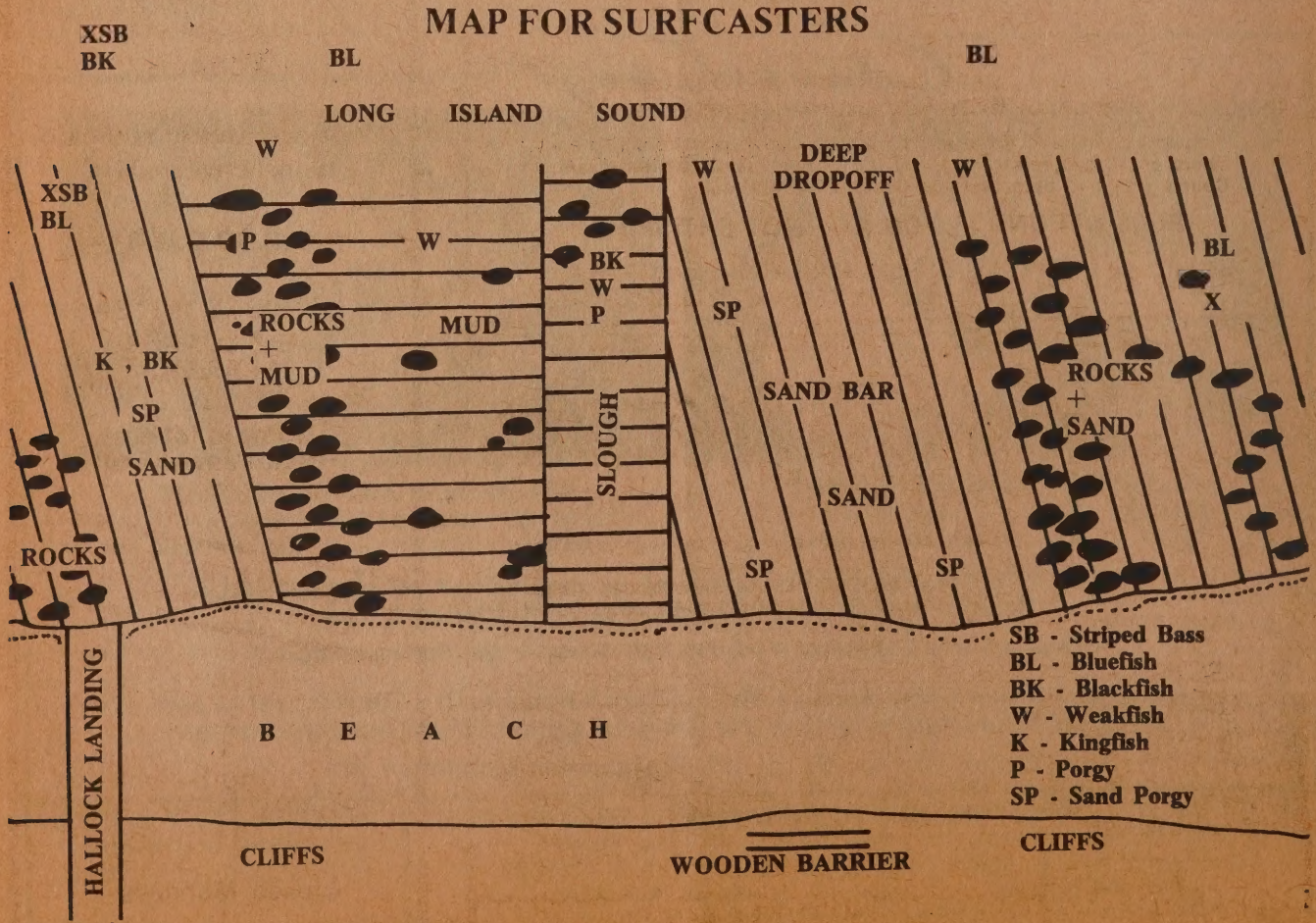
The advantages in keeping such maps are many. They can be updated from time to time, with additional information added. Such maps enable the angler to fish particular places that are most likely to harbor schools of fish, and to learn the secrets which a spot has to divulge about its finny inhabitants.

Maps for surfcasters are sort of specialized sketches, not like an ordinary road map showing the various routes of a given area, but are simplified diagrams, complete with symbols, showing such pertinent information as the type of bottom (i.e. sand, mud, or rocks), contours (i.e. sloughs, canals, and dropoffs), structures (huge boulders), and certain location landmarks (i.e. wooden barriers, bath houses, or telephone poles) so that the angler can find a favored spot along a beach at the high tidal stage.

This information is correlated with the various types of fish found in the given area. The accompanying illustration shows a particular stretch of beach at Rocky Point, Long Island, an area which this writer has had the opportunity to visit many times over the years.

The stretch of beach in the illustration is approximately 3 miles in length, and its significance lies in the varied composition of the bottom and in the differences in the sizes of fish found in specific areas. Various symbols are used to indicate at a glance the makeup of the bottom; i.e., sand, mud, rocks, with a combination of symbols indicating a mixture of sand, mud, or rocks.

Such information was gathered first-hand, mostly by visiting the given area at low tide and "reading" the water by its various shades, colors and wave formations. (See L.I.F., 1973 No. 17, "Reading the Surf".) Keeping accurate records of the fish caught in the area, along with their sizes and the time of season, are also significant pieces of



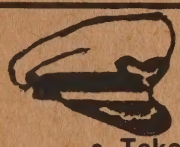
information in making the maps accurate and useful.

Like most areas of the north shore, Rocky Point contains good porgy populations. The smaller sand porgies are usually concentrated in the sandy areas along the beach, while some of the larger specimen are found over the areas covered by mud and rocks.

The slough which appears in the illustration (lined up with the wooden barrier landmark) is good for big blackfish in the spring, but produces poorly during the fall run. The best spot for weakfish is the dropoff behind the sandbar, which seems reasonable since these gamefish prefer the deeper holes and water. The sandy areas shown on the illustration harbor good quantities of kingfish, and these fish can be caught very close to shore either during low or high tidal stages.

The large boulders in the area, marked (X), are frequented by large bluefish and striped bass, especially in the fall, probably because the strong currents toss the baitfish around for these large gamefish. Cut bait (mackerel or mossbunker strips), if fished at night, will take the large-sized blues. The big choppers in this particular area like to rove close to the shoreline at night in search of food. During daylight, they are found in the deeper waters, usually beyond casting range.

Sketching simple maps can prove to be a valuable asset to the surfcaster who plans his trips in advance. You can devise your own plan of attack. The more an angler knows an area and its pertinent underwater physical terrain, the more of a chance he has of catching fish. Also, preparing and studying maps can add many hours of pleasure when one is not able to get down to his favorite beach. The maps will make the angler more aware of the area he fishes, and they will aid him in trying to unravel the many secrets which the dark and often mysterious waters hold.



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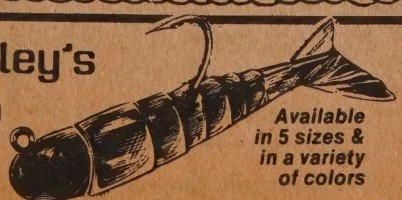

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Plugging Bass On North Shore Beaches

by Terry Wallace

Some of the finest striped bass plugging that I have ever experienced has taken place upon Long Island's north shore beaches. These beaches are very suitable for bass plugging, or bass fishing in general, because of certain physical features: rocks, boulders and numerous coves and small inlets. Such characteristics contribute to an ideal habitat for the striped bass, no matter what size fish you are seeking. These geographic conditions, matched with the feeding habits of the striper, provide the type of setting that every angler should use to his advantage. It is these north shore qualities to which I credit much of my bass fishing success.

Fishing on the north shore is certainly different from battling the ocean's surf; I use lighter tackle than that used at places such as West End or Gilgo beaches on the south shore. The nine or ten foot long, heavy-duty spinning rod and reel with twenty pound test is not needed on the north shore, nor is ultra-light tackle used by most fishermen on these beaches.

Select a rod about six or seven feet long and of medium action which can be used with a medium-sized reel loaded with twelve pound test line. This combination is well balanced and suits the plugs and jigs which I use in the course of fishing. It will also give the angler both pleasure and enjoyment in fishing for even the smallest of fish he may find. Since I am using fairly light tackle for surf conditions, the plugs, tins and jigs I use also have to be of small to medium size. It is true that I believe in the philosophy that the big plugs will take big fish, but, nevertheless, there is no law of nature stating that the small-to medium-sized lure will not take its share of lunkers.

Among these smaller plugs which I have found to be deadly on the north shore are the five-inch Rebels and Rapalas. Both sinkers and floaters have proven to be effective under varying conditions due to weather and tides. Another version of these plugs, which has been a pleasant surprise on many a night when there was little action, is the jointed Rebel. The action of the jointed version is quite unlike that of the un-jointed plug. It should be cast across the tide and, like all other plugs, be retrieved s-l-o-w-l-y. The tail of the jointed Rebel hangs down lower than the rest of the body as the plug is being retrieved. This hanging tail seems to provide a target for bass and urges them to hit the plug.

While fishing during the early morning and late afternoon hours on north shore beaches, I prefer a popping plug which is smaller and more suitable to my tackle than a larger plug which would be a job in itself to retrieve. My favorite poppers for this area are the Creek Chub and the Atom, although I have used many different others with success. The smaller chrome popper has been a mainstay in my plug bag. This three-quarter ounce popper has been the biggest producer for all kinds of bass, both large and small, and is a pleasure retrieving because of its size and weight.

Many fishermen are unsuccessful with the popper because they are really not sure how to use it properly and, therefore, get little action from it. If the popper is used correctly it will be a big plus to its holder: I have found that it takes many fish which are apparently laying close to shore, and hit it only feet from the beach.

I don't retrieve the popper very fast. When a very rapid retrieve is used it causes the plug to splash around the surface and doesn't seem to attract the striper at all. This splashing, rather, makes the bass extremely cautious and as a result there is no hit. The proper way to retrieve the plug is by lifting your rod steadily but firmly while retrieving

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the lure. Remember, don't jerk your rod and cause the plug to splash around the surface because this will discourage Rocky. With practice this procedure will become automatic, and, hopefully, the result will be better fishing.

Another point which must be mentioned once again is the manner in which you retrieve non-popping plugs. Take your time, retrieve slowly. I believe this method is the key to most of my success as a bass plugger. A slow retrieve teases and tantalizes the bass, and I have found no exception to this rule—no matter what type of plug I have selected. In fact, while using the sinker at very slow speeds you may actually invade the privacy of a bass when he is lying in a hole, waiting for passing baitfish, crabs, worms and other mainstays of his daily diet.

The last group of lures which I have found to be successful—if used correctly—are tins and jigs. There is a large variety of these lures and many such at the Hopkins, Kastmaster, bucktail and Tri-Fin have worked many times for my fishing partners and me. These lures are most effective when cast out in the current and allowed to drift with it while being retrieved very slowly. It is true that you may catch an occasional fish with a faster retrieve but your best best is still the slow retrieve. When working these lures on the bottom and around rocks, expect anything! The only sad part about using these lures around rocky areas is that you are liable to lose a few if you get hung up in the rocks or mussel beds. However, if you are a lucky fisherman you'll survive this obstacle. Both the bucktail and Tri-Fin are very successful when used at night, while tins are more effective during daylight hours.

One of the most important aspects of plugging the north shore to any angler are the proper tides to fish. I have found that the best time to plug any north shore beach is an hour or so before high water to two hours after. (However, there are times when the fish will feed very heavily and, during these periods, you'll find action at almost any time.) As the tide gets higher, stripers will come in close to shore and feed on rocks, mussels, crabs, worms and baitfish. It is at this time that the angler should take advantage of the geographic gifts of the north shore. These gifts are not found in too many areas of the world, and many fishermen don't realize that heaven lies in their own backyard.

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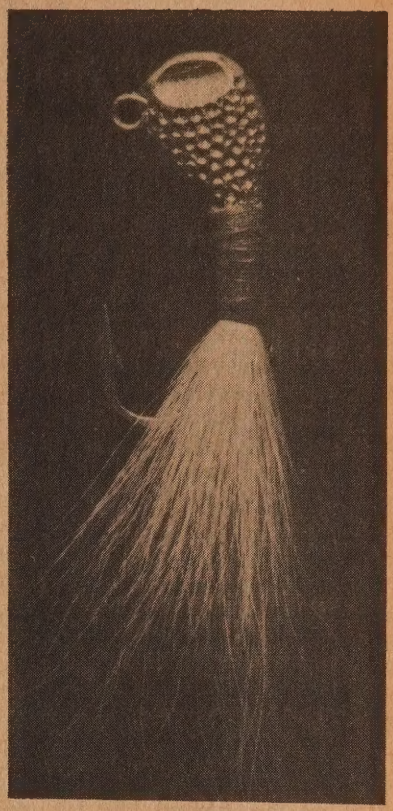

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Outfitting Your Bay Boat

by Tom Franza

In order to become a true *aficionado* it is extremely helpful if you have a boat that is properly outfitted. No self-respecting, part-time bay bum would consider anything less than full time equipment (known as "all of that junk" to his wife).

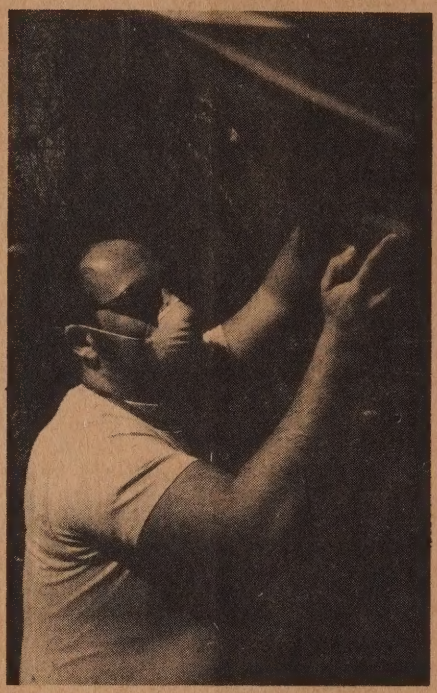
First, it is necessary to determine how much gear you can squeeze onto your boat. To do this, look carefully at your craft. Boats come in three sizes: small, medium, and large. The small boat is the one you currently own. The medium-sized boat is the one you should have bought, and the large size is that big beauty that is always tied up just a few slips down.

Any boat can easily be converted into a bay boat. It does not matter if it is as new as that first "postage stamp" flounder of spring, or as old as the sea, itself. All that should concern the true bay bum is how fast he can get his boat into the water. Just be certain that, whether your boat be fiberglass, wood or aluminum, you take the time to do the early spring chores right.

Whatever else you do, use a high grade anti-fouling paint on the bottom. This will save you much work and worry later on as the weather becomes warmer and the marine growth becomes more abundant. There is even a vinyl-based bottom paint which can be applied weeks before launch time, thus ending that 24-hour rush to get the boat into the water. In fact, it was originally conceived for trailered boats, as the manufacturer claims that it does not lose any of its anti-fouling qualities, no matter how often it is removed from the water. This, coupled with a general cleaning and an engine tune-up by a reputable and competent mechanic, can give you the edge on as worry-free a season as possible.

Now comes the fun and games—the actual outfitting of the interior of your bay boat. This is where you find out how devoted your wife and children are to your happiness. This is also where you come close to divorcing your whole family: the problem is, there is never enough space to accommodate all of the gear which everyone feels they simply cannot do without.

Along with all the standard equipment which the Coast Guard requires any boat to carry, it is also a good idea to have along plenty of extra line, a tool kit, at least one **extra** fire extinguisher, a radio (if your boat's not equipped with a two-way), and an assorted collection of spare parts. You will quickly learn just which ones your boat needs.



When wire-brushing the bottom of your boat prior to painting, be sure to wear a surgeon's mask and goggles to protect your lungs and eyes.

No matter how much gear you bring along, you're bound to forget something.

Put aside all of your heavy tackle. In the bay you won't need wire lines and 6/0 reels. And you don't need heavy duty surf sticks. The bay is a gentle mistress whose creatures should be caught kindly and not beaten into submission. What you will need are some light to medium action spinning outfits —preferably two piece rods, as they are easier to store on your boat if space is at a premium. Add some basic lures and jigs and some lightweight terminal gear for bottom fishing and your tackle box will be complete. In fact, if the weather is nice, you can even dig your own bait, in the form of worms and clams, from the bottom.

In addition to these, it is good to have an inflatable raft for clamming (I'll get into that in a future article) and a clam rake. Also necessary are a clam knife, a lemon, and some hot sauce for those spur-of-the-moment snacks that are always so appealing at the end of a long day.

Beach toys for your children to play with and a folding chaise lounge (if you have room for it) for your wife are also handy, should you decide to put into shore at one of the marinas that offer beach facilities such as those found along the shore of Fire Island. Or, you may suddenly desire to just run it up on the beach. A little household hint: bring along some talcum powder. When sprinkled over sandy bottoms and feet, it makes the removal of the sand much quicker and a lot more gentle.

Another good idea is to bring along a few extra flotation devices. If you are "anchoring out", these can be secured to some of the extra lines which you have along. Then, with the other end of the line tied to the boat, throw the floats into the water. These provide excellent resting places for any of the water rats in your party who just hate to come out of the bay. It is also advisable to have a good boarding ladder handy to facili-

tate exit from the water. Just remember to put it over the side before you jump in.

If you are to be a complete bay bum, it will be necessary to establish one rule early in the season. All forms of cooking should be outlawed! Cold cuts can be packed very nicely into a plastic container. Add a few loaves of Italian bread, and you have the traditional summer menu.

For extra special treat, or for those times when you want to get away for the weekend, a pre-cooked roast beef or broiled chicken can be served very nicely on board your boat while lying at anchor in the bay. Couple this with a nice fresh salad which can be whipped up in a jiffy. (Note—this is as close as you are allowed to come to preparing anything while on board.)

If you really want to surprise your wife, after she has opened the kid's sodas, whip out a nice, chilled bottle of champagne which you have smuggled into the bottom of the cooler. This is personally guaranteed to rescue you from any possible stormy seas because you forgot to mention to her that you left two dozen blood worms in an untied package in her refrigerator at home.

A few extra sleeping bags will come in handy on the boat, as will some jackets for the evenings. Remember, no matter how pleasant or warm it may be back on the mainland, it is always much cooler on the bay at night. Nothing can ruin the following day as much as a miserable night before. One word of caution, however, when you try going out overnight for the first time: be prepared to suddenly realize that you neglected to bring along a few key items. Even after many successful trips you will usually discover at least one "absolute necessity" was left behind in the trunk of your car. Don't despair; you will soon come to realize that this is all part of the fun of becoming a bay bum.

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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Capt. Howie Carroll of the **Jigger III** said the codfishing has been good. A mixed bag of pollack, blacks, sea bass and fluke are with the cod. They have been fishing the Southwest Ledge and south of Black Island. Snowshoe flounder catches have been poor.

Codfishing at Sharks Ledge has been by the bagful. Capt. Les Behan of the **Peconic Queen II** said there are plenty of codfish and everyone loads up. No weights were given for an average fish but on Wednesday one fare was hi-hook with 55 fish totaling over 500 pounds. (Try bringing that home on the L.I.R.R.)

Capt. John Sekora of the **Easy Rider** said to give a boost to the U.S. Coast Guard for their able assistance to him this previous week. His boat lost power and he had to spend a night out awaiting help. The Easy Rider is now in tip top shape and will be captained by John's son Steve with John taking some evening runs.

Capt. Frank Pike of the **Leatherneck** said he has been catching lots of cod 5, 10 & 15 pounds around the Submarine Buoy and out at Block Island. A few pollack have been mixed in with the cod. The snowshoe flounders are just a small showing.

Lake Montauk Marina reports improved flounder fishing both in the lake and on the inside of buoy 5. A good showing of sea bass were at Washington Shoals. Codfish and pollack can be caught at the submarine buoy.

Capt. Pete Novellino of the **Jennie Three** trailered to Montauk and fished the Block Island area. He loaded up with cod and pollack for a charter of Ronkonkoma fishermen. Pete also took a small fluke.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said the fish are there when the weather lets everyone get out. Flounder of over three pounds with catches from 30 to low 40 were had just east of Cartwright. Some mackerel and weakfish are being taken.

Dick Kling of North Haledon, N.J., with a 49 lb. cod he caught aboard the Viking Star on May 8th at Block Island grounds.

SAG HARBOR

Helen Jacobson at the **Noyac Marina** reports she had over 700 weak--fish brought into the station this past weekend. An example were Buster Dennis of Queens and George Savopolis of N.Y.C. fished between buoys 17 & 18 with Salty dogs with squid on the hook and came in with 30 weaks, 9 porgies and a few mackerel. Also in three and a half hours fishing time Jaye and John Kudlo of Farmingdale had 30 weaks at buoy 16 using the same technique. All these weakfish were caught on a moving tide.

SHINNECOCK

The **Capt. Clark** boats have been doing very well with weakfish in the Peconic Bays. Along with the weakfish many large porgies, a couple to three pounds were caught. Flounders and blackfish completed the catch.

Altenkirch Tackle reports fluke of 18 to 20 inches being caught in the canal. Weakfish are taking shrimp touts with squid as a sweetner on them. Both fish can be taken at the beginning of the tide just when the locks start to close: a few flounder can also be had.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reports plenty of fluke being caught on the inside of the inlet between Ponoquogue Bridge and the inlet as well as the east channel. Both tides were productive. Flounders were caught on the incoming tide on worms.

MORICHES BAY

Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station reports flounders are all over the bay. On Saturday 75 fluke from two to four pounds were caught in Old Cut on sand eels and spearing. Tide did not seem to have any effect on the frequency of the hits.

Patricia Cole at **Moriches Bait & Tackle** reports an 11 pound weakfish was caught at the Smith Point Bridge. Weakfish seem to be in numbers there. Flounders are in the hole at buoy 26 and the mouth of the Forge River.

Chet of **B & B Tackle** called to report excellent fishing on Friday and Saturday for all species. Tom Cashman took 12 fish up to 6 lbs. 4 oz. Friday night on a Lupo shrimp. Saturday morning he left the inlet and returned with 250 mackerel. Good flounder ¾ to 1½ lbs. and several over 2½ lbs. are being taken off Freat Gun Beach. On Saturday Chuck Perone fished 4 hours and scored with 51 fluke, average 3 lbs. The bottom is paved with fluke around the inlet on the edges of sand bars. A few stripers were taken on Tri-Fin Whiptails at the regular striper haunts.

MASTIC BEACH

Jinny at **Keenan's Fishing Station** reports a lot of fluke were caught on Saturday at buoy 20 & 21. Most of the fish were between two or three pounds. These fish were caught on the outgoing tide on killies. Buoy 17 has weakfish in the hole there.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dick Yonda at the **American Sportsman** weighed in a 10 pound, 9 oz. weakfish. John Nahorny of West Sayville caught this one on eight pound test line with a Smiling Bill bucktail at buoy 4. John is a member of the Great South Bay Anglers. Flounder are getting larger and fluke are starting to come in.

Dennis Masterson of the **South Bay Fishing Station** says the fishing has been very good with weakfishing being the big thing. Twenty-six weakfish were caught by one pair of anglers in the cut at buoy 28 & 29. The larger Salty Dog shrimp tounts were used. Fluke were also caught in this area.

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Steve Denes, the weighmaster of the **Oakdale Sportsman's Club** called to tell us of a possible new weakfish record. Member Henry Johnson caught a ten pound 14 oz. weakfish on 12 pound test line.

CAPTREE

The open boat **Capt. Rod** has had plenty of flounder with most of them coming at the top of the tide. A few stray fluke, some up to four pounds, were also picked up. Capt. Westerlind said they have picked up between 30 to 40 blowfish each trip. Weakfish are also being caught in greater numbers and he might switch soon to the weaks.

The **Capt. Ben Litwin** went out on Mother's Day and all mothers sailed free of charge. Loads of flounder were caught. The flounder fishing was slow during the week but at the end of the week it was very good whenever they stopped to fish. All the afternoon mackerel trips are very good.

Capt. Bauer of the open boat **Capt. Whittaker** said the flounder fishing is definitely on the upswing. These fish are starting to school and come off the flats. The early part of the week saw catches of 15 to 30 while by Saturday it was up to 25 to 40 per man. Most of these fish are from three quarter to one and a quarter pounds with a few going to two pounds.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** called to tell how successful the weakfishing has been. On Friday they had 98 weaks while on Saturday the count was 87. A few of these weaks weighed ten pounds but most ranged from three to six pounds. Using Salty Dogs on the last half of the incoming tide turned the trick.

BABYLON

High-Hook Fishing Station reports plenty of weakfish on the weekend. Between buoys 3 and 4. High tide and using SaltyDogs will produce catches of ten to 30 weaks up to four and six pounds.

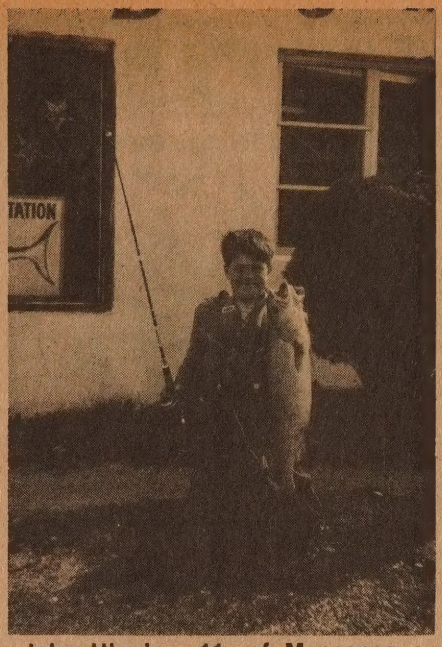
LINDENHURST

The **Sea Horse** has had good catches of large flounders. These flounders are coming off the flats and some men have caught 30 or 40 flounders. Some catches of three or four weakfish per man were had this past week but Capt. Hoffman will concentrate on the flounder for the present.

Duke's Tackle reports the fluke are starting to come in and are in the inlet and the East-West Channel. Blackfish are being caught at the inlet bridge. The last of the flounder are still over at Heckscher.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Tackle reports shrimp chummers doing very big on weakfish. Reported up to 50 fish per boat on the ebb tide. Art Detweiler of



John Higgins, 11, of Massapequa Park caught this 9 lb. 12 oz. weakfish on 4 lb. test from the shore in the State Channel near Captree. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle.

Massapequa chummed 28 weakfish from three to seven pounds on grass shrimp at Bass Creek & State Channel. East-West Channel and Unqua Point has fine weakfishing utilizing a hi-low rig and sandworms.

SEAFORD

Mike's Rowboat Station says they are bringing in weakfish, mackerel and flounders from throughout the bay. Flounders and fluke are at Squaw Island. Blackfish at the bridges.

Lon Wauser, Jr. said a mess of flounders and fluke were caught at Squaw Island by Kevin Kelley & Eugene Valentine of Massapequa. Weakfish are all over. Drifting sandworms at Four Corners, Horns Creek, Zacks Bay and the State Channel. Lon says the hottest lure is the Lupo shrimp tout.

WANTAGH

Causeway Bait & Tackle reports "Willy the Whip" was fishless on his own boat while his buddies on board mahowked the weakfish in the State Channel. They were using sandworms and shrimp tail touts. Flounders are holding up well at Squaw Island and weaks are there also. Fluke are starting to show and blackfishing is excellent at all bridges.

MERRICK

Whaleneck Marina said the flounders are still good and the weakfishing is now very strong. Fluke were picked up in the Babylon Cut and the State Channel by weakfishermen using shrimp tout lures. Eight or nine were caught up to four pounds.

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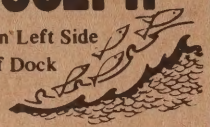

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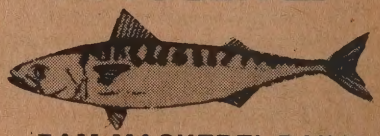

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Floyd Russel and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gallo of Woodhaven with 134 flounder to 1½ lbs. they took out of the Silly Lily Fishing Station in Moriches.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The open boat **Mary** has loaded up with mackerel at the Ambrose Tower. Capt. Palermo says they are out there by the thousands. Some whiting are coming up with the mackerel.

Mike's Tackle says the open boats have been getting plenty of mackerel. A few boats have been going down to Jersey Coast for sea bass. Ambrose Tower is where the mackerel are congregating. The piers are giving up blackfish and a few striped bass. Flounders are still in the bay.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports flounders are still holding steady. The water is still good and cold. Boat fishing without chum in front of the Great Kills Jetty has produced good quantities of flounder. Striped bass fishing is just a nice steady pick. Two to five pound bass are in the back of the harbor and will take a white bucktail worked slow and deep. Unconfirmed reports of weakfish at buoy 4 near Anandale. A little run of blackfish started at the Orange House. Most rocky areas hold blackfish.

FREEPORT

The mackerel are so close to the beach that it takes longer to go from the dock to the inlet than to where the fish are. **Capt. Al Lindroth** says the fish are five minutes from the jetty.

Capt. Lindroth said the **Capt. Lou II** is having good flounder fishing near the Coast Guard Station.

Nick Noonan of the **Freeport Boatmen Assoc.** reports all the boats that went out are concentrating on mackerel. All the boats did well with the fish. They were caught southwest of the inlet.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Bill of the **Ginnie Mae** has had excellent mackerel fishing. These macks are being caught from buoy 4 in the inlet out to Ambrose Tower. When the weather roughs up the inlet they try for fluke in the bay and have caught some fluke up to five pounds.

POINT LOOKOUT

Mackerel are everywhere said Capt. Art White of the **Angler II.** They are everywhere up to six to ten miles out. The kids come on board and have a ball loading up on these fish. Art said he saw private boats at the dock that came in with plenty of weakfish picked up near the beach at Point Lookout. Striped bass have also been seen taken in these same waters.

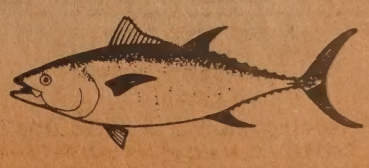
Marylin Wardle of **Ed's Fishing Station** reports that Benny and Isak Kozuch of Forest Hills caught a load of fluke on spearing in the flats and Reynolds Channel. Larry Ozarko of Ridgewood also had a four pound fluke among his fish. Blackfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge and at the Tea Wreck.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of **Henning's Fishing Station** reports loads of flounders being caught in the back bays and particularly between buoys 8 and 10 up to two pounds. Blackfish at most of the rock piles or pilings will produce them. Mackerel are spotty in the inlet. Netters have been picking up bass and weakfish at the inlet so they are coming.

JAMAICA BAY

John Brando at **Crossbay Rod & Gun** says flounder are dropping off but Silver Hole is still the best bet. Blackfish are making a showing at Marine Parkway Bridge and the South Channel Bridge. A few small bass are being caught here and there.



NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

SOUTHOLD

"Super-fantastic" weekend, according to Pete at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station.** Everyone loaded up on weakfish Saturday, and Pete weighed in the largest weak in years. The fish weighed in at 10 lbs. 3 oz., and was taken by the Rev. Robert Guriy from L.I. City off the Brickyard. Squid and worms worked best. Average catch was 25-30 fish per boat, none under 3 lbs. Plenty of porgies up to 4 lbs. at the Middle Grounds by buoys 17 and 18. Weaks are all over, and feeding heavily. Blacks mixed in with sea porgies. Mackerel around the abandoned lighthouse.

GREENPORT

Art White of the **A.P. White Bait Shop** said the weakfish is fantastic, with reports of over 100 fish a boat. The fish are all over, at Shelter Island, west of Jessups, Black Dog, the Middle Grounds and Nassau Point. Squid and worms are the ticket. Plenty of porgies for those who want them. The **Wilheric, Brand X** and other boats are all doing great on weaks and porgies. Plenty of blackfish in the Sound and wherever there are rocks. Art said that the bluefish should show in a week or two.

NEW SUFFOLK

Phil Loria of **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** said that Richard Malory weighed in an 8¾ lb. weakfish on Saturday. Weakfish are great and average 4½-5 lbs. Best spots are south of buoy 22 and at the South Race. Squid and worms are preferred over artificials. Porgies at buoy 22, mixed in with a few blacks and mackerel. Charlie Loria weighed in a 9½ lb. blackfish he caught while porgy fishing.

Jeanne Brako of Astoria caught this 8½ lb. weakfish out of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

Ross McDowell of Canada and Frank Fiorentino from Southampton caught these 33 weakfish up to 8½ lbs. and 15 porgies up to 1½ lbs. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Barbara at **Ralph's Fishing Station** reports excellent blackfishing in the harbor and off the beaches. Most blacks are being taken around the rocks off Miller Place. One youngster weighed in a 7¾ lb. blackfish he caught. Best bait is fiddler crab, but they are taking clams. Mackerel spotty and a few 3 lb. porgies were taken off Miller Beach.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue said that weakfishing and porgies are great in the South Race around buoy 23. Weakfish are taking squid and artificial shrimp. Fifty and sixty weaks average a boat, one or two bushels of porgies and blacks. All in all, excellent fishing for all species.

PORT JEFFERSON

The **Betty W** ran as an open boat during the week and did great on blacks, porgies and flounder. The Anglers Anonymous Fishing Club chartered on Saturday and loaded up on mackerel in the morning and blacks, porgies and flounder in the afternoon.

North Shore fishing is a mixed bag right now according to Capt. Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace.** Mackerel predominates right now but fair to good catches of flounder are had by most fares. Smaller catches of blackfish up to five pounds spices up the catch.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** said that fishing is excellent when the weather is right. Great catches of mackerel around buoy 11 at daybreak. Excellent catches of porgies, blackfish, flounder and a few sea bass by buoy 11 around Mt. Misery Shoal. Flounders are really holding up strong.

NORTHPORT

Mark at the **Chainlocker** said that the mackerel are thick all over the bay. Flounder are holding up well, and blackfish up to 5-6 lbs. are being taken off Sand City. The blacks are hitting worms and clam fished for flounder.

Larkfield Sports Center said that the windy weather over the weekend hurt the fishing, but blackfishing was excellent in the latter part of the week at Makamah Beach and Sand City. Unconfirmed reports of a few weakfish caught in Lloyd Harbor.

HUNTINGTON

Mackerel are thick all over the place according to **Four Winds Tackle.** Plenty of blackfish averaging 2-4 lbs. and up to 11 lbs. taken at Calahans Beach, Marshal Field, Makamah

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Beach and Eaton's Neck on fiddlers and green crabs. Large flounder 1¼ to 1¾ lb. being taken off Sunken Meadow. Loads of porgies from Sand City to Duck Island. School bass are being trolled with worms off of Crab Meadow Beach and Sunken Meadow. Eddie Van Allen weighed in a 13¼ fluke and a 7 lb. fluke he took off Heckscher Park on the South side.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veteran's Fishing Station reported good catches over the weekend despite the poor weather. Blackfish, porgies, flounder, weaks and striped bass are providing a mixed bag for fishermen. Fish are being caught from Whitewood Point to Center Island.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports Shop said Dominick Mac Kenzie had a string of one bass of four pounds and five blacks, the biggest nine and a half pounds. All these were caught on worms behind the Monastery at the east end of Prybil Beach. Flounder fishing along the shore on worms and mussels. Striped bass on popping plugs have been taken but you have to work for them.

PORT WASHINGTON

Gus Bolton at **Moreland's Bait & Tackle** says blackfish are being caught at most points of land that are rocky. Hard or soft bait are equally effective. Hard working pluggers have been taking some striped bass.

CITY ISLAND

Rosenberg's Boathouse reports plenty of blackfish at Pea, Huckleberry and Harts Islands. The fish are taking fiddler crabs and clams. Flounders are at Orchard Beach. One man there caught a 14 pound striper there on a flounder rig. School stripers are at Turtle Cove.

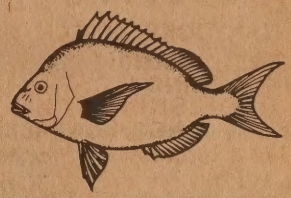
Jack's Bait & Tackle reports the **Apache**, **North Star** and the **Theresa L-III** are all going for mackerel, blackfish and flounder.

They have good mixed catches from Smithtown Bay and off Eaton's Neck.

NEW ROCHELLE

Steve Schwartz of the **Klondike V** reports they loaded up on mackerel. It seems to be that chumming is the secret to keeping these fish coming.

Ralph Lederman, a subscriber, fishing with his brother-in-law Edwin Nelson caught 63 blackfish off Fort Schuyler. They rented a boat from Cameron's and started fishing at low tide using fiddler crabs. They had one fish after the other right up past high tide. These fish ranged from four to 10 blacks.



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NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

SANDY HOOK

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Julian's told us of good bass fishing too, at Sandy Hook rip. Mackerel, whiting and ling are plentiful and blackfishing is picking up.

SEABRIGHT

Giglio's reported striper fishing is improving. Bill Doyle took 3 bass off the jetty up to 16 pounds. Plenty of flounder are biting in the Shrewsbury River.

LONG BRANCH

Monmouth Bait & Tackle reported good flounder fishing in the river. A few bass are also being caught in the river by cartoppers.

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

WHITE PLAINS

Male-Town in White Plains reports mackerel east of buoy 32A. They weren't thick enough for jigging but one angler picked up 80 while trolling. Scotch Caps still hot for blackfish.

Point Tackle in Rye advises of a pick-up in the fishing picture there. Blackfish were taken off the east side of the American Yacht Club. Bass and mackerel are still slow.

NEW HAVEN

Stripers are hitting in the Connecticut River at Middletown. Porgies are improving and blacks are the hottest item in the area.

MILLFORD

Flounder are slowing down but blackfish are the best bet at the mouth of the Housatonic River. Mackerel are still off-shore and bass are beginning to hit at the river mouth.

STRATFORD

Large blackfish are being taken around the breakwaters. Some flounder fishermen are returning with flounders upwards of 2 pounds. Bass are still slow at mid-sound.

BRIDGEPORT

Good blackfishing outside Penfield Light and around "basket". Mackerel were found 5 miles southwest of Penfield.

GREENWICH

Stripers are being taken in Greenwich Cove with the biggest fish reported a 12 pounder. Blacks are improving daily and flounder are holding steady.

STANFORD

Trollers are hitting mackerel around buoy 32A. Fiddler crabs are the payoff bait for blacks in the area. Flounder are dwindling.

NORWALK

Mackerel are found at the lobster pots mid-sound and just outside buoy 24A. Bass and flounder are spotty. An 18 pound striper was taken in the Norwalk Islands on worms.

ROWAYTON

Mackerel off 24C opposite the convent. Stripers have been taken fishing worms on the bottom off Shippan.

WESTPORT

Bass are on the hook at Compo and in Fairfield. Mackerel inside buoy 24 but get thicker further out into the sound. Watch out for weakfish along with the macks.

Harry Varady of Kings Park took this 62½ lb. cow aboard the Peconic Queen at Montauk.

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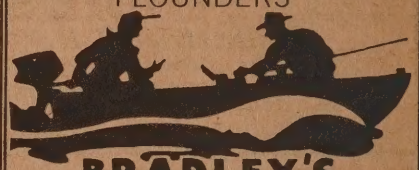

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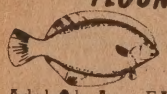

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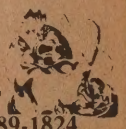

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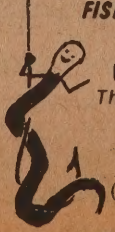

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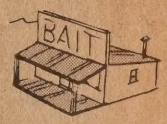

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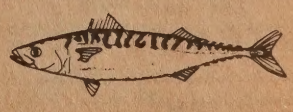

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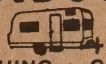

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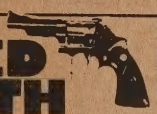

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	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
5/16 THURSDAY	3:47	4:24	5:44	6:13	7:09	7:43	7:37	8:01
5/17 FRIDAY	4:47	5:19	6:35	6:57	8:09	8:36	8:28	8:49
5/18 SATURDAY	5:43	6:07	7:21	7:38.	9:05	9:23	9:18	9:35
5/19 SUNDAY	6:34	6:53	8:05	8:18	9:56	10:08	10:04	10:19
5/20 MONDAY	7:21	7:38	8:49	9:02	10:42	10:53	10:51	11:04
5/21 TUESDAY	8:07	8:22	9:35	9:45	11:26	11:38	11:38	11:51
5/22 WEDNESDAY	8:53	9:08	10:22	10:31	-	12:14	-	12:24
5/23 THURSDAY	9:43	9:56	11:11	11:22	12:26	1:02	12:37	1:14

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet,Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

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